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MUDA 50:50 sites allotment scam

ED's plea against CM's wife DISMISSED

New Delhi, July 21 (Agencies)- In a major relief to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Supreme Court (SC) this morning dismissed an appeal filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) challenging a Karnataka High Court (HC) order that had quashed summons issued to his wife, B.M. Parvathi and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh in connection with the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) alternative sites allotment case.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice B.R. Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandran upheld the High Court's March 7 ruling, observing that 'political battles must be fought in the public domain, not in Courtrooms'.

Expressing concern over the ED's actions, the Bench remarked, "Unfortunately, I have some experience in Maharashtra. You don't perpetuate this violence across the country now. Please do not force us to say something. Otherwise, we have to say something very harsh about the ED. Let political battles be fought among the electorate. Why are you being used for it?"

(See ED on page 7)

CM hails SC verdict as blow to 'vendetta politics'

Bengaluru, July 21 (KMS& BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has welcomed Supreme Court's dismissal of ED's appeal challenging a Karnataka High Court order that had quashed summons issued to his wife in MUDA case.

Calling the verdict a "resounding slap" to Central Government's alleged misuse of investigation agencies, he said the ruling had "unequivocally cleared" his family of all "baseless allegations."

He accused BJP and its allies of weaponising CBI and ED to harass his family, describing the ordeal as a "painful chapter" in their lives. He urged Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to "restore the autonomy" of Constitutional bodies and end their political misuse.

The CM also called on BJP and JD(S) leaders in Karnataka to publicly apologise for what he termed "fabricated allegations."

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 21st July 2025

Loan facility for higher studies

Mysuru, July 21- The D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has invited online applications from eligible students of Backward Classes belonging to categories 1, 2A, 3A and 3B, for availing loan facility for higher education (Master's degree, Ph.D, Post-doctoral degree in Engineering & Technology, Management & Commerce, Science and Technology, Agriculture & Allied Sciences/ Technology, Medicine, Humanities and Social Sciences) in overseas Universities.

The applicants should have secured admission in a foreign University listed within QS World Ranking 1,000. The applicants should attach a copy of the offer letter of the foreign University in which they have secured admission, a copy of Passport, Visa and Air ticket.

The annual income of the family of the applicant student should not exceed Rs.15 lakh. The upper age limit for Masters' degree courses is 32 years and that for Ph.D courses is 35 years.

Eligible students can apply through *https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in* at GramOne, BengaluruOne and Karnataka One Service Centres. For more details, log on to the Corporation's website *www.dbcde.karnataka.gov.in* or contact Ph: 080-22374832 or Mysuru District Office on Ph: 0821-2341194 or Mob: 80507-70004 or 80507-70005, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SIMPLICITY - THE SPARKLING GEM: ***Some years ago, I had first seen her, with her spouse, solicitously feeding the Lalbagh strays with several packs of crunchy biscuits. The canines too copiously responded to the couple's care and compassion by constant waggling of their curvy tails.***

During my daily jog, as I sprinted past her, I always saw something singularly striking about her simple demeanour and smiling countenance.

Later, for a few months, I had fully forgotten about her but found her again at a fun fest. My son had stepped into the portals of a prestigious medical institution to pursue his specialisation in surgery. It was the annual day fest and the atmosphere was charged with abundant euphoria and excitement. In such a scenario I spotted her again.

She was multi-tasking and merrily partaking in myriad activities, exhibiting her multifaceted self, besides mischievously mimicking the mannerisms of many of her colleagues over the microphone. I slowly learnt that she was the super dynamic Dr. Poornima Murthy, who, with sublime efficiency, was heading the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department, besides being the DNB Course Director.

Now, recently, I happened to see her again. That was when I had a small, yet tricky medical issue that had to be tackled tactfully. I knew, her being superlatively skillful, this issue would be something of a small task for her. And that she'd successfully accomplish it, quite seamlessly and swimmingly. Which she did, to my surprise.

But, the actual surprise was when she simply tried waiving off her service charges, under strong professional ethics! Since my son, now a super-specialist, was her former student. And, according to her, the payment couldn't be accepted by the parents of fellow doctors! Of course, to which we didn't accede. And, with deadly difficulty, tried paying off for her diligent work. Truly, I was bowled over by her benign, bedazzling persona, brimming over with such bountiful simplicity.

Indubitably, what makes a person inordinately adorable is not their immense cerebral calibre or infinite wealth, or incredible looks. Instead, the things that make them more magnetic and endearing are their main qualities of being 'modest and simple'— which 'are like mesmerising gems in the magnificent crown of their persona!

— Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Police recover over 15,000 stolen tools

Howard: Police in Howard County, Maryland, said officers recovered more than 15,000 stolen tools valued between 3 million and 5 million dollars in one of the largest and most expansive theft cases in the region in recent years.

The incident came to light when Police followed the tracking device of one of the items taken to a storage unit in Elkridge. After obtaining a search warrant on 12 locations, Police found the motherload of stolen tools.

From drills to electric saws, the stolen tools came from retail stores, businesses, vehicles, residential properties and construction sites and were kept in multiple storage units.

Jose Aceves, 52, of Jessup, Maryland, was arrested in the case and faces one count of felony theft scheme. Police said 155 victims were identified and property returned to owners. Rest were sold at auction.

Woman flooded with calls about non-existent cat

New York: A British Columbia woman's phone has been flooded with calls about a missing cat that doesn't exist, and it's all because of a T-shirt.

Natasha Lavoie and Jonathan McCurrach said calls have come in from people claiming to have found their cat, Torbo — but their cat is named Mauser and isn't missing.

"I'm getting phone calls with people saying that they found my cat and they want money for my cat," Lavoie said.

The couple discovered Lavoie's phone number had been printed on a T-shirt sold by company Wisdumb NY. A representative said, "The use of a real number within the art created was not intentional."

Lavoie said she does not want to change her phone number as it bears a 604 area code, which is difficult to get.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What Are Pimples?

Pimples are red, pus-filled bumps that occur due to clogged pores and bacterial infection.

By Dr. Ravi S – Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist Manipal Hospitals, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

MCCI honours doctors

Mysuru, July 21 (KS) - The Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) celebrated Doctors' Day recently by felicitating Dr. K. Suresh, Professor and HoD of Neurology at Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Assistant doctors Dr. Anand and Dr. Akhil, acknowledging their dedication and service.

MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju did the honours in the presence of Hon. Secretary A.K. Shivaji Rao, Treasurer R. Ashok and Joint Secretary Vinod Jain.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.25 feet**	Today's level **2,283.68 feet**	Today's level **2,857.24 feet**
Last year's level **122.70 feet**	Last year's level **2,281.23 feet**	Last year's level **2,854.42 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.04 feet**	Saturday's level **2,282.48 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,857.27 feet**
Today's Inflow **14,155 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **12,796 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **4,907 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **10,644 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **10,042 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **5,000 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A cat's tongue is covered in hundreds of sharp, scoop shaped spines made of keratin that spring into action during grooming and they also play a role in helping a cat keep cool.*
- *Snakes use their forked tongues primarily for smelling, not tasting. The tongue collects airborne particles and transfers them to a special organ in the roof of the mouth called the vomeronasal organ, which analyses the chemicals. This allows snakes to "smell" in stereo, helping them detect prey, predators, and navigate their environment.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

First guy (proudly): My wife is an angel.
Second guy: You're lucky, mine is still alive!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 115.78
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.49
1 Euro	= Rs. 100.35

VOICE OF THE READER

On safe drinking water supply

Sir,

This is with reference to the news item titled ***"Concern over drinking water"*** in *SOM* dated July 16.

The concern shown by some of my fellow residents of Mysuru is a serious health issue.

I still remember our tap water used to have an agreeable odour as soon as it came out of the tap. But, this odour would cease from the collected water within a minute or two. Even otherwise, it could be safely consumed straight from the tap. This odour is due to "residual chlorine."

Water that has undergone flocculation (alum treatment), filtration and subsequently, chlorination process, soon thereafter, is safe. But, such water, distributed through pipelines, may get contaminated, on the way, with certain pathogens. This is the precise reason for giving a small dose of chlorine to the so-treated water. It takes care of such pathogens. Normally, such water is safe for drinking.

Chlorination, at the dosage normally employed in water works is ineffective against certain parasites. In such cases, a higher chlorine dose followed by de-chlorination up to the residual chlorine level, is very effective. But, the treatment costs more.

Water from a reservoir soon after the monsoon sets may require such a treatment, as an abundant precaution against pathogens.

Chlorine gets acidic when mixed with water. In high doses, immediately, it will cause burning sensation in the stomach. In the long run, it may have deleterious effect on the consumers — humans and cattle, et al. Better methods like Ozonisation, Ultraviolet light exposure, etc., are available. But, again, it is a question of cost. Many Western countries have adopted such methods.

It is expected that the health authorities take periodical samples of water from the taps, far off from the Water Works, and subject the same for Chemical, Bacteriological and Biological examinations, as prescribed in the Indian Standards Specification IS 10500-2012, read with the amendments, if any.

The results should be furnished to the Water Works. In turn, they should immediately adjust the chlorine dosage.

The above exercise will ensure that we, the residents, get a safe drinking water.

—K.N. Krishna Prasad
Lakshmipuram
17.7.2025

Scholarship: Calling Law Graduates

Mysuru, July 21- The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible Law Graduates belonging to SC community for availing scholarship under the professional training programme.

The applicants should be from Mysuru district and must have passed Law degree before completion of two years as on the date of application. The maximum age of applicants should not exceed 40 years and their annual income must not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh. Also, the applicants should be registered with the Mysore Bar Association and be a member of Karnataka State Bar Council.

This apart, they should not have obtained training in other Government Departments (such as the Office of the Deputy Commissioner or Women and Child Development Department) or in other districts.

Eligible candidates can apply online through the Department website *https://swd.karnataka.gov.in* on all days, according to a press release.

Monsoon Session of State Legislature from Aug. 11 to 22

Mysuru, July 21 - The 12-day Monsoon Session of the State Legislature will be held at the State Capital Bengaluru from Aug. 11 to 22.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will address the Joint Session of the Legislature on the opening day on Aug. 11.

The Session will function for 9 out of 12 days, with Aug. 15 being a public holiday on account of Independence Day, no Session on Aug. 16 and 17 being a Sunday.

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev visits Suttur Mutt

Isha Foundation Founder Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, who visited Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in Mysuru last evening, being felicitated by Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji as JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru Dr. P. Shivaraju look on.

Mysuru, July 21 (PM&BCT)- Isha Foundation Founder Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev visited the Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in Mysuru last evening.

He was warmly received by Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, the head of Suttur Mutt and the two spiritual leaders exchanged cordial greetings.

As Sadhguru entered the Mutt premises, the atmosphere was filled with auspicious music and a ceremonial performance by a school band. He was accorded a traditional welcome with honours, including umbrellas and chamaras, symbolising deep reverence.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji greeted Sadhguru with a floral garland.

The two spiritual heads engaged in a private conversation for over 30 minutes, following which they jointly offered blessings and darshan to devotees gathered at the Mutt.

Speaking to reporters after the visit, Sadhguru played down the occasion, saying, "There's nothing particularly special about this visit. It's been two years since I last met the Suttur Seer. During my surgery in Delhi, he visited me and wished me a speedy recovery. Ever since I regained my health, I wanted to come here, but work commitments delayed the visit. That's why I have come today."

As he departed, Sadhguru was given a ceremonial farewell, once again accompanied by auspicious music and the school band. The Suttur Seer personally participated in the send-off.

Earlier in the evening, several dignitaries visited the Mutt to receive blessings from the two spiritual leaders.

Among them were former Minister Geetha Mahadevaprasad, Mysuru Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju, Karnataka Police Academy Director S.L. Channabasavanna, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath and Kannada activist Mooguru Nanjundaswamy.

Homage to KBG at Kodagu Model School

The staff, students and Administrative Board Members of Kodagu Model School (run by Sri Kavery Kodava Association - Mysuru East) in Sathagalli observed silence during the School Assembly on July 14 as a mark of respect to late K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), Founder-Editor of Star of Mysore & Mysuru Mithra *and Special Advisor to Sri Kavery Kodava Association, who passed away on July 13.*

NEWS BRIEFS

CET: Option entry deadline extended

Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has extended the deadline for option entry for K-CET qualified students to July 22. The seat availability list for admission to Engineering, Dental Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, B.Sc (Nursing) and other professional courses has been published. Students can make their option entry for all available courses till July 22, according to KEA Executive Director H. Prasanna.

Seminar on ITR

Bhavani Associates, Mysuru, has organised a seminar on 'Overview of ITR (Income Tax Return) Form Changes (ITR-1 to ITR-4) and Reporting Formats' by CA Sai Rakshith, Partner, Venu & Vinay, Chartered Accountants, Bengaluru, at Rotary Children's Library Hall on JLB Road in Mysuru, on July 22 at 10 am. For details, contact Mob: 98451-20429, according to a press release from N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates.

Three nursing students drown in KRS backwaters

Siddesh

Prashanth

Krishna

Mysuru, July 21 (MTY&KS)- Three nursing students, who had come on a picnic to KRS backwaters at Meenakshipura, were drowned in the river yesterday afternoon.

The deceased have been identified as Prashanth (21), a resident of Anivalu village in Periyapatna taluk, Siddesh (22), a resident of Santhemarahalli in Yelandur taluk of Chamarajanagar district and Krishna (21), a resident of Koppal district. They were pursuing their nursing course at Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS).

On Sunday morning, six nursing students in three bikes came on a picnic to the backwaters at Meenakshipura in Mysuru taluk. At about 2 pm, five students ventured into the waters for a swim while one student stood on the banks.

After sometime, the five swimming students were caught in the strong current force and began to drown during which the student who was standing on the river banks jumped into the river and rescued two of them. By the time the locals and tourists rushed for the help, the other three students had drowned, said eye witnesses.

Yelwal Sub-Inspector Mahendra and staff, who reached the spot, conducted an inspection and summoned expert divers and Fire & Emergency Services personnel, who after conducting a search operation for over two hours, fished out the three bodies.

The Police, after conducting mahazar, shifted the bodies to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem and informed the parents of the three deceased students, who arrived at the mortuary in the evening.

Post-mortem was conducted this morning and the bodies were handed over to the family members.

Yelwal Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Strict enforcement of rules needed to prevent such incidents

Though such drowning incidents are frequently taking place in KRS backwaters, the Police are not enforcing the rules strictly which is resulting in numerous tourists thronging KRS backwaters and venturing into the waters.

The once- serene KRS backwaters near Meenakshipura in Yelwal hobli, a popular getaway in the Old Mysuru region, is now facing rampant environmental degradation, driven by unchecked tourism and brazenly irresponsible visitor behaviour.

Star of Mysore had published a news item titled **'KRS Backwaters... Trashed'** (dated July 7, 2025) highlighting the menace of visitors at the backwaters.

Taking note of the news item, Yelwal Police rushed to the spot and took a few people into custody but failed to take preventive steps which led to the drowning of the three nursing students yesterday.

Continuous rains in the Cauvery (Kaveri) basin have further swelled the Reservoir, with its backwaters now submerging nearby areas and transforming them into scenic — but misused — picnic zones.

Many, who consume liquor, venture into the waters carelessly and are getting drowned.

Adding to the crisis is the mushrooming of illegal resorts in the vicinity of the backwaters, with many operating without environmental clearances from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). Despite repeated complaints, authorities have failed to act, accused many localites.

Dharmasthala Mass Burial Case

State Government forms SIT

DGP Pronab Mohanty to head the investigating team

Bengaluru, July 21 (VNS)- Finally, the State Government has heeded to the demand of Advocates, various organisations and Karnataka State Commission for Women for a thorough investigation into the alleged mass burial case in Dharmasthala.

The State Government, yesterday, announced a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising of four IPS officers. The SIT team, headed by DGP Internal Security and Cyber Command Pronab Mohanty, includes DIG (Recruitment) M.N. Anucheth, City Armed Reserve (CAR), Headquarters, DCP Dr. S.K. Soumyalatha and SP Jitendra Kumar Dayama.

Former Supreme Court Judge Justice V. Gopala Gowda had also urged the State Government to constitute an SIT stating that complainant and the Advocates were being threatened.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a detailed discussion with Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar before announcing the formation of the SIT. The case was also being discussed widely in the public which also promoted the State Government to form a special team to investigate

DGP Pronab Mohanty

into the case.

The State Government has instructed Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) to transfer all cases registered with respect to mass burials to the SIT along with providing required officers and staff.

The SIT will now be investigating the existing cases and the cases that might be filed at various Police Stations across the State related to mass burials at Dharmasthala. DG &IGP has also been instructed to conduct timely review of the progress in the investigation. The State Government has also instructed to submit a report at the earliest.

Case History

On July 3, a 48-year-old Dalit man and a former sanitation worker at Dharmasthala Temple, filed a complaint before the Dakshina Kannada SP and Dharmasthala Police Station alleging that he was threatened by people involved in the crime to secretly dispose hundreds of bodies between 1995 and 2004. He had also claimed that the bodies were of women and children and some of them bore signs of sexual assault.

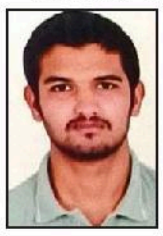
Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala

Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala authorities have welcomed the State Government's decision to form a Special Investigation Team to probe into the alleged mass burials at Dharmasthala.

In a press release, Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Spokesperson K. Parshwanath Jain, welcoming the State Government's decision to hand over the case to SIT, said that the 'Mass Burial Case' had grabbed national attention with various theories and rumours emerging from various corners of the country.

He has urged the SIT to unfold the real truth at the earliest to clear the doubts about Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala that have been created in the minds of the public.

MIMS student commits suicide at college hostel



Bharat

Mandya, July 21 (VNS)- A case of first year MBBS student committing suicide has been reported from Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) here this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Bharat Yattinamani (22), a native of Bandi village in Yelburga taluk of Koppal district.

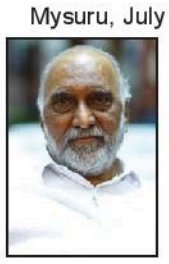
According to the Police, Bharat was found hanging to the ceiling fan at his room in the college hostel by one of his hostel mates this morning who informed the college authorities.

Later, the college authorities informed the Police who arrived at the spot and conducted mahazar before shifting the body to post mortem.

A case has been registered at Mandya East Police Station in this regard.

Obituary

Puttaswamy



Mysuru, July 21- Puttaswamy (85), Proprietor of Nanda Hotel and a resident of No. 232, Neethi Marga in Siddarthanagar, passed away this morning in city. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

R. Venkatalakshmi

R. Venkatalakshmi (87), wife of Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away on Saturday in city.

He leaves behind three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday, according to family sources.

BJP launches helpline for small businessmen facing GST notices

Karnataka's actions reflect financial desperation to fulfil funds for guarantees, says Vijayendra

Bengaluru, July 21 (BCT)- In response to tax notices issued by the Commercial Tax Department, the Karnataka BJP has launched a dedicated helpline (88842-45123) to assist small traders. The helpline will be operational from today (July 21).

At the launch of the "We stand with you" initiative held at the BJP State Headquarters on Saturday, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, said that street vendors and small traders had already begun receiving notices, triggering widespread anxiety. He expressed concern over the growing confusion and accused the State Government of failing to communicate effectively with affected communities.

The BJP has criticised the State Government's GST enforcement drive, alleging that it has blurred the line between taxable and non-taxable incomes. They contend that traders have been left in the dark due to lack of proper information and guidance.

Under Central Government rules, businesses with an annual turnover exceeding Rs. 40 lakh are required to register under GST and pay taxes accordingly. However, in Karnataka, traders with turnover above Rs. 20 lakh have received notices, leading to further confusion.

A fruit vendor in Mysuru.

He clarified that items such as flowers, fruits, vegetables, milk, meat, paneer and bangles do not attract GST.

BJP leaders asserted that small traders are not tax evaders but are struggling to comprehend a complex system. They accused the government of failing in its responsibility to educate and inform vulnerable sections and demanded protection for those impacted by what they described as unjustified action.

Funding guarantee schemes

BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra alleged that the Congress Government, under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, is facing a financial crunch in funding its guarantee schemes.

To bridge the gap, he claimed, the Commercial Tax Department has resorted to targeting street vendors with GST notices.

He further stated that no other State in the country has taken such measures against small traders and alleged that Karnataka's actions reflect financial desperation rather than any legal mandate.

CM chooses to deflect blame; points fingers at Centre

Siddaramaiah's earlier push for GST target of Rs. 1.20 lakh crore raises eyebrows

Mysuru, July 21 (BLU&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has stated that discussions will be held with the Union Government and the State's Commercial Taxes Department to arrive at a suitable resolution regarding GST notices issued to small traders.

Siddaramaiah

His remarks came in response to growing reports that many small traders have stopped UPI transactions and reverting to cash payments, in fear of tax scrutiny following the recent notices.

"GST is a Central Government initiative," Siddaramaiah said, addressing reporters in Mysuru. "The GST Council operates under the purview of the Union Government, not the State. So, how is the State Government responsible for it?"

"We will speak to the Government of India. If there's anything concerning the Commercial Taxes Department, we will discuss and take a decision," he added.

Siddaramaiah's GST target

The CM's attempt to deflect blame has drawn criticism, especially in light of his recent statements urging tax officials to increase GST collections.

Speaking at the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Karnataka Commercial Taxes Services Officers' Association in Bengaluru, Siddaramaiah had lauded the Department's performance, noting that Karnataka currently ranks second in the country for GST collections. He had called on officials to work towards achieving the top position.

He also warned officials, stating that failure to meet the revenue target of Rs. 1.20 lakh crore set for the current financial year would lead to strict action.

The contrast between the CM's endorsement of aggressive tax collection and his current stance of non-responsibility has fuelled criticism from traders and political opponents alike.

Wakf Board Advisory Committee Chairman greets MLA Tanveer Sait

Newly appointed District Wakf Board Advisory Committee Chairman Azeez Ulla Ajju** (standing to the left side of the MLA), **who visited the residence of MLA Tanveer Sait in city recently, greeted the MLA and discussed some important matters. Azeez Ulla Ajju was accompanied by Tousif, Rizwan Ajju, Rabi ul Ajju, Sami ul Ajju, Syed Iqbal, District Wakf Board Advisory Committee Members Nisar Ahmed and Amjad Pasha, Asif Ali Khan (Pailwan Harihar) and others.

Honey-trapping case

Woman among two on run arrested in Kerala

Mysuru, July 21 (BLU&BS)- Two persons including a woman evading the Police investigating into a honey-trapping case since over a month, were arrested from a lodge in Kannur, Kerala recently.

The accused are Kavana and Saif, who were arrested by Bylakuppe Police. Following their arrest, the number of accused arrested in the case has touched to three including Shivanna, a Constable attached to Hunsur Rural Police Station.

The trio had allegedly hatched a plot to honey trap Dinesh Kumar, a cloth shop owner on June 14. They had summoned the victim to a place in Maradiyuru village in Periyapatna taluk, only to torture the victim, besides demanding Rs. 10 lakh from him.

Dinesh Kumar had told his brother over phone to bring cash to a place, where he had been reportedly held up. Suspecting something fishy, Dinesh Kumar's brother had lodged a complaint to Bylakuppe Police.

Acting on the complaint, Police had warned the accused over phone. Subsequently, Shivanna, the Police HC, had abandoned Dinesh Kumar near Bylakuppe, before surrendering to Bylakuppe Police.

Over 5,288 litres unsold beer destroyed by Excise officials

Mysuru, July 21 (KS) - Following an order from the Mysuru City District Excise Deputy Commissioner, the Excise Department officials destroyed a total of 5,288.110 litres of unsold beer.

According to a press release from the Excise Dy.SP, a total of 3,185.070 unsold beer at Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited (KSBCL) Mysuru - 1 Depot at Koorgalli and 2,103.040 litres of unsold beer at KSBCL Mysuru - 2 Depot, totalling 5,288.110 litres were destroyed in the presence of Excise Dy.SPs H.K. Ramesh and L.B. Vikram, Excise Inspectors, Depot managers and staff.

Student goes missing

Nanjangud, July 21 (KS) - A 19-year-old student, who left his house on Sept. 5, 2024 at about 3 pm, has since gone missing.

T.M. Sudeep

The missing student is T.M. Sudeep, at resident of Sunnada Street at Tagadur village in the taluk. He was pursuing his Diploma course at a private college in Devanur.

He is 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, has 'The Villain' tattooed on his left hand, can read Kannada and English, speaks Kannada and was wearing a blue T-Shirt and grey coloured pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing student may contact Kavalande Police Station on Ph: 08221-295621 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2520040.

Chamundi Hill turns...

BOOZERS' PARADISE!

Yuva Brigade volunteers collect two tractor-loads of plastic waste & liquor bottles

Yuva Brigade volunteers seen collecting plastic and empty liquor bottles during the cleaning drive held atop Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Mysuru, July 21 (BCT)- After turning the KRS backwaters at Meenakshipura into a garbage dump, people have turned the slopes of Chamundi Hill into a Boozers' Paradise.

The Mysuru unit of Yuva Brigade carried out a massive clean-up drive at Chamundi Hill yesterday, beginning at 6 am.

Hundreds of volunteers gathered at the base of the Hill and began collecting plastic bottles, wrappers and other waste strewn along the 1,008 steps leading to the summit. By noon, the team had reached the top, having worked tirelessly for six straight hours.

Shockingly, amidst the bushes, along the roadside and near the viewpoints — areas considered sacred and regularly patrolled by Police and district officials — volunteers found hundreds of liquor bottles. In total, they collected seven full gunny bags of discarded liquor bottles.

Over two tractor-loads of plastic waste were collected and kept near the Nandi statue at the top of the hill to be taken to waste processing units. Volunteers also conducted awareness campaigns, urging devotees and trekkers to refrain from using single-use plastics along the pilgrimage route.

The Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat supported the initiative by arranging vehicles for the proper collection and disposal of the waste. Speaking at the event, Yuva Brigade State Coordinator Chandrashekhar expressed deep concern over the rampant littering and said,

"Finding plastic bottles and wrappers is expected, but discovering hundreds of liquor bottles in a sacred space like this is deeply disturbing. Those indulging in such acts must be held accountable. If you want to drink, go to places dedicated to that. Do not desecrate holy places. The Police must take strict action against such irresponsible individuals."

The drive saw active participation from Mysuru Division Coordinator Pramod, District Coordinator Nitin, and volunteers, including Sagar, Ramanaj, Prashanth, Ashwath, Yogesh, Soori, Skanda, Parikshit, Shashank, Om, Ramesh, Narayan, Manjunath, Narasimhamurthy, Suhas, Sushmita, Surabhi, Rachana Shivakumar, Darshini and Shilpa Ravi among the volunteers.

Yuva Brigade volunteers posing with sacks containing empty liquor bottles and other waste materials they had collected atop Chamundi Hill.

Rs. 96.80 crore plan to restore heritage buildings ignored

Former Mayor Shivakumar appeals for urgent restoration of 11 historic structures

Former Mayor Shivakumar addressing media persons in city this morning as (from left) former Corporator Rangaswamy, former Deputy Mayor Roopa and former Leaders of Opposition in the MCC B.V. Manjunath and M.U. Subbaiah look on.

Mysuru, July 21 (MTY&BCT)- Fourteen months after the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage in Mysuru completed a detailed survey of 129 heritage structures within the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits and recommended urgent restoration of 11 dilapidated buildings at an estimated cost of Rs. 96.80 crore, no action has been taken and not a single rupee has been released by the State Government.

Raising the issue at a press conference held at a private hotel this morning, former Mayor Shivakumar expressed deep concern over the inaction.

He pointed out that although Chief Minister Siddaramaiah hails from Mysuru — a city with 234 listed and declared heritage structures, 129 of which are managed by the State Government — the Government has shown no urgency in preserving these deteriorating buildings.

The Department of Archaeology submitted its report to the Deputy Commissioner in May 2024, identifying 11 structures in critical condition and recommending their restoration. The total cost of repairs was pegged at Rs. 96,80,59,838.

The 11 structures are: Vani Vilas Market, Attara Khacheri (old DC Office), Fire Brigade Building in Saraswathipuram, Maharani's Science College, Government Certified School for Girls (Lalitha Mahal Road), Maharaja's College, Yuvaraja's College, Maharaja's College Union Building (housing Department of Journalism), Music University (Lakshmipuram Girls School), Government Children's Girls Home and Maharaja's Sanskrit Patashala.

Report gathering dust

"Despite the urgent nature of the report, the Government has failed to release even a single rupee. The report is gathering dust while those working in these crumbling structures live in constant fear," Shivakumar said.

He cited the case of Maharaja's College, once a hub of legendary scholars and students, which now requires Rs. 18.45 crore for restoration. Yuvaraja's College, another iconic institution, needs Rs. 17.70 crore. "Without these buildings, Mysuru would lose its essence as a Heritage City, yet the Government continues to neglect them," he remarked.

The heritage survey was launched on Oct. 12, 2022, in the aftermath of heavy rains that worsened the condition of already fragile buildings. The survey followed the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Model Building (Amendment) Bylaws-2021 and graded the structures based on their condition and significance.

K.R. Circle basement

Shivakumar also pointed to the alarming state of the K.R. Circle — a listed heritage site — noting that the basement cement pillars and support structures are severely eroded, exposing iron beams through wide cracks. "Likewise, all entrance arches of Mysuru and various inner-city heritage arches are on the verge of collapse and need urgent attention," he warned.

He said a delegation would soon meet Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to urge him to release funds for restoration. "This delegation will be non-political and include individuals committed to heritage conservation and the protection of Mysuru's historic identity," he added.

Former Deputy Mayor Roopa Yogesh, former Corporators B.V. Manjunath, M.U. Subbaiah and Rangaswamy were also present.

ED's plea against CM's wife

(Continued from page 1)

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S.V. Raju, appearing for the ED, offered to withdraw the appeal, saying, "Okay, we will withdraw. But let it not be treated as a precedent."

However, the Court refused to allow a withdrawal and dismissed the appeal outright, stating that there was no error in the reasoning of the High Court.

"We do not find any error in the reasoning adopted by the Single Judge. In the peculiar facts and circumstances, we dismiss it. We should thank you, ASG, for saving some harsh comments," the Bench stated.

The case relates to alleged irregularities in the allotment of MUDA sites to B.M. Parvathi. According to the complaint, she was 'gifted' 3.16 acres of land by her brother, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, who had acquired the land after it was de-notified. Despite the land being under private ownership, it was developed by MUDA (now Mysuru Development Authority).

Parvathi subsequently sought compensation, which she allegedly received in the form of 14 developed sites in a high-value locality under the 50:50 scheme — a transaction that raised questions due to the higher value of the developed sites compared to the original land. She later surrendered the sites to the authorities.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna of the Karnataka High Court had earlier quashed the ED summons issued to Parvathi and Byrathi Suresh, the latter not being named as an accused but sought to be questioned in the case.

Monsoon Session of Parliament begins on a stormy note

Opposition demands discussion on Pahalgam attack, Operation Sindoor; both Houses adjourned for brief time

New Delhi, July 21 (Agencies)- The Monsoon Session of Lok Sabha (LS) and Rajya Sabha (RS) had a stormy start this morning, after Opposition parties protested demanding a discussion on Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. Following this, the LS was adjourned till 2 pm and RS till 12 noon.

Earlier, speaking on the sidelines of the Session, PM Modi addressed the media, during which he touched upon the horrific Pahalgam massacre and lauded the unified voice of India's political leadership in exposing Pakistan's role. He also noted the global recognition of Digital India, particularly UPI. He affirmed that Naxalism and Maoism are on the decline and hailed the success of Operation Sindoor.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in the LS Rahul Gandhi said "When the Defence Minister is allowed to speak in the House, Opposition members, including me, who is the LoP, are not allowed to speak. If people representing the Government can speak, then we should also be given a space to speak."

Opposition MPs criticised the Central Government saying, the perpetrators of terror attack were yet to be apprehended and demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence in the House.

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda, in Rajya Sabha, said that the Government is ready for any discussion regarding the issues.

Earlier, the House paid tribute to former MPs, victims of the Pahalgam attack and those killed in the Ahmedabad plane crash.

LS Speaker Om Birla lauded Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, announcing a detailed discussion on space mission later in the Session.

At an all-party meeting held on the eve of the Monsoon Session yesterday, the representatives of the Central Government had said, it is open to discussing all issues in Parliament, including Operation Sindoor. At the same time, it cautioned the Opposition that any debate on the subject has to be held within the laid-down rules and procedures.

The Opposition parties had insisted that PM Modi should respond on the matter, as well as on US President Trump's repeated claims that he brokered peace between India and Pak. They also demanded a discussion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said, both Houses of Parliament will have 21 sittings during the Monsoon Session.

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A Colourful & Vibrant Concert

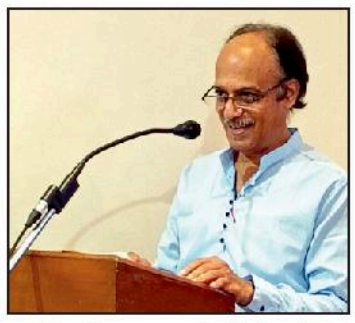
Suttur Mutt had organised an engaging lecture and a delightful music concert on the occasion of Guru Purnima, as part of its regular Moonlight Music series. The event began with a talk by **Prabhuswamy C. Malimath**, who eloquently explained the significance of the Guru in simple yet profound terms. What followed was a vibrant and enthusiastic concert by **Vidwan Sampagodu S. Vighnaraja**, accompanied by **Vid. S. Janardhana** on violin, **Vid. Aniruddha S. Bhat** on mridanga and **Vid. M.R. Manjunath** on ghata.

Vighnaraja is a multifaceted artiste. Deeply rooted in classical music, he is also a skilled flautist and has innovatively adapted the slide guitar to suit Karnatak music, naming it Sumukha Veene. Blessed with a resonant voice and rich creativity (manodharma), his music effortlessly transports listeners to a higher plane.

The concert opened with a sloka in praise of Sage Vyasa, paying homage to the great Guru on this auspicious day. This was followed by "Shree Maha Ganapathim Bhajeham," a composition by Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar in raga Athana — an energetic and fitting prelude to the vibrant musical journey ahead. Brisk kalpana swaras added to the excitement.

Next came another Guru-centered piece: Tyagaraja's gem Guruleka Etuvanti, brought to life through a lively alapana shared by both Vighnaraja and Janardhana. The neraval at "Tatva bodhana chesi kaapadu" was soaked in classicism. The raga Bhegade was treated to a nostalgic alapana, filled with age-old phrases and fast-paced gamakas that kept the audience deeply engaged. Janardhana's melodic and absorbing violin accompaniment added great depth to the performance. Another Tyagaraja classic, Naadopaasana, was rendered with a perfect blend of devotion and precision.

Vid. Sampagodu S. Vighnaraja presenting a vocal music concert at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, as part of its monthly moonlight music programme-281 on July 10. He was accompanied by Vid. Anirudha S. Bhat on mridanga, Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata and Vid. S. Janardhan on violin.



Prabhuswamy C. Malimath

Vighnaraja's clear diction allowed listeners to savour not only the music but the lyrical beauty as well. A brisk rendition of Shobhillu Saptaswara in Jaganmohini included a sparkling chittaswara that matched its vibrance.

The soulful vachana "Ettha tale baagidarenu?" by Basavanna in raga Vasantha provided a soothing interlude. This was followed by "Sarveshwara Sadashiva," a composition of Guru Suryanarayana Bhat. Set in the raga Kalyani, it showcased the vocalist's effortless reach into the lower octave, much to the delight of the audience. The creative use of daatu swaras in the kalpana swaras added further sparkle.

The laya vinyasa (rhythmic interplay) between Anirudha Bhat and M.R. Manjunath was both intricate and enjoyable.

Vighnaraja kept the rasikas thoroughly engaged from start to finish with his energetic and expressive performance.

The concert concluded beautifully with Basavanna's Naadapriya Shivanembaru — a perfect finale to an evening filled with colour, devotion and musical brilliance.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Ashada edition of Champaka Kalaa Utsava held

Mysuru, July 21 - The 'Ashada' 2025 edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava was organised by Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, at Champaka Sabhangana, Champaka Academy premises in Ramakrishnanagar, recently showcasing classical dance performances by accomplished artistes from Bengaluru and Mysuru.

The evening started with a Bharatanatyam feature by Vidu. Sreelakshmi Thejas, of Gathishree Performing Arts Centre, Bengaluru, along with her disciples. Pushpanjali as an invocatory piece was offered and then offering prayers to Ganesha, they danced to 'Pranavakaram' kriti in shuddha dhanyasi raga.

Next was 'Harismarane mado nirantara,' where Draupadi and Krishna's story was very well established by Sreelakshmi and her students. Sreelakshmi danced solo for 'Sri Ramachandra Kripalu Bhajamana,' where she portrayed the greatness of Rama in a very divine way.

The second performance was by the junior students of Champaka Academy trained by Vidu. Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan. They presented 'Gajavadana beduve' and 'Mellamellane bandane' devaranamas mesmerising the audience.

Mysuru disciples of Vidu. Bharathi Vittal, Director, Kalpanaa School of Dance (Mysuru & Bengaluru) presented a Kathak feature choreographed by her which was much appreciated by the audience.

Her students, Disha and Krithika, danced to a Tusli Das bhajan on Ganesha in ragamala and set to dadra taal. Ganesha was praised and indeed invoked. Music composition and vocal was by Ustad Faiyaz Khan. The next item was a pure technical number showing skill in taal having Ganesha kavitha paran, rangamanch puja, thaat, aamad, paran, tukdas, tihayis and baant set to teentaal. The dancers being Swetha Vijan, Sougandhika, Poorvi Suneel and Vyapti.

This was followed by a Shloka, Kavitha and Sargam Geet presented by Dr. Nagalakshmi, Jyoti Hegde and Bhumika Hegde. The shloka portrayed Shiva in detail followed by sargam geet in raga hiradani set to ektaal made the dancers sway through the geet in various footwork and movements and chakkars. The performance concluded with a pure dance number tarana having technical aspects of Kathak like intricate footwork, lyrical movements and chakkars. It was in raga malkauns and in teental.

Dr. M.N. Ravi, Senior Consultant and Surgeon, Cardiac Sciences, Narayana Multispecialty Hospital, Mysuru and Dr. Sandhya, Senior Specialist ENT, Facial Aesthetics and Metabolic Medicine, were the chief guests

Dr. Ravi and Dr. Sandhya enjoyed the performances and Dr. Ravi spoke about the importance of being practitioners of these art forms for better health in these times of fluctuating health. He asked parents to encourage children to learn the art forms so that they have avenues other than regular studies.

Sri Krishna Jayanthi Utsava Music contest

Mysuru, July 21- Ganabharathi has organised music competitions on account of Krishna Jayanthi Utsava-2025 on Aug. 10 from 9 am onwards at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

The competitions are open to young amateur artistes who have not yet completed the Vidwat level exams in music.

Competitions will be in: Karnatak music (Vocal & Instrumental); Percussion instruments; Singing of Vachanas; Manku Thimmana Kagga singing; Dasara padagalu singing; Written essay and quiz related to music [Age group 10-18 years and 19 to 40 years].

Competition will be held for **Juniors -** 6 to 10 & 11 to 16 years; **Seniors -** 17 to 25 years, 26 to 40 years, 41 years and above.

Applications will be available at Ganabharathi office from July 21 to 30 during office hours (5 pm to 7 pm). Entry fees for each event is Rs. 50 and last date for receiving the filled-in applications is July 31. For details call Ph: 0821-2560313 or Mob: 70198-79167.

Making Waves...

Mysuru's Thanya eyes Olympic splash

Among the young swimmers making waves today, one name stands out for her remarkable achievements at both the State and National levels — S. Thanya. This 16-year-old swimmer from Mysuru has consistently broken records and rewritten benchmarks at every championship she enters — turning the tide.

Most recently, she bagged five gold medals and set two new State Records and two National Records — surpassing the 2022 marks — at the State Junior Swimming Championship 2025 held at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre in Bengaluru. She also clinched the Individual Championship Trophy in the Group 1A Category.

Thanya is now gearing up for the Junior National Swimming Championship to be held later this year in Ahmedabad. Already stepping into the senior circuit, she hopes to make her mark on the national stage in the years to come.

Thanya is currently pursuing her I PUC at Jain International Residential School (JIRS) in Kanakapura, Bengaluru South district (formerly Ramanagara). She is the daughter of S.P. Shadakshari and N. Shwetha, residents of J.P. Nagar, Mysuru. Thanya currently trains under renowned coach Gagan Ullalmath at JIRS.

Star of Mysore **caught up with the young champion as she trains for the upcoming Junior Nationals.** Excerpts...

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): When did you start swimming and what inspired you to take it up?

S. Thanya: I've been swimming since I was seven. Now I'm 16, so it's been almost nine years. Honestly, I started swimming just for fun, not as a sport. Back then in Mysuru, apart from studying, I didn't have much else to do. It was my parents who encouraged me to take up something alongside academics. I tried a few things, and eventually settled on swimming.

SOM: Now that you've taken up swimming seriously, how has the journey been so far?

Thanya: When I started, I never imagined I'd come this far. I didn't even know professional swimming was a thing! But as I continued training in Mysuru, I began to enjoy it. Seeing my potential, my coach enrolled me in district-level competitions. When I won my first silver medal, it gave me the motivation to push harder. That's when the gold medals and championships started to follow.

SOM: How has swimming shaped or transformed you over the years?

Thanya: As I said, I never saw myself as a professional swimmer in the beginning. But once I started taking it seriously, swimming has changed me a lot. There are sacrifices involved — not just in swimming, but in any sport.

At first, it felt like I was giving up a lot. But now, it has become a routine. Following a strict schedule, maintaining my fitness, eating right — it's all part of my lifestyle now, and I've embraced it fully.

SOM: Speaking of fitness, what kind of diet do you follow?

Thanya: There's no specific diet as such. Since I stay at a sports hostel, I mostly eat whatever is provided there. The campus is strictly vegetarian. But since we need higher protein intake as athletes, we're given non-vegetarian food outside the campus as well. I also include plenty of fruits and ensure I eat enough to support my training needs.

SOM: With most of your time dedicated to training, does it affect your academics?

Thanya: Honestly, I struggled a lot last year to strike a balance between academics and swimming. When I was in Mysuru, my routine was very structured — school every day without fail, as my parents never let me skip classes.

After school, I'd head to swimming practice and study once I got back home. It was hectic, but manageable. Things are different now. Swimming has become my primary focus. Last year, it was all about swimming and I hardly found time to study. Despite the initial difficulties, I managed decently. Hopefully, I'll be able to maintain that balance this year too.

SOM: Compared to Mysuru, how is the coaching experience in Bengaluru?

Thanya: Coaching in Mysuru was good, but I'd say the facilities in Bengaluru are far superior — and that's one of the main reasons I moved here. After shifting to Bengaluru, I've gone much deeper into understanding swimming as a sport.

Earlier, I didn't know much about training methodologies, body mechanics, or the science behind performance. In the past year and a half, I've learned so much. I now understand whether I'm on the right track or not. My coach keeps a close watch on my progress and pushes me to the limit so I can reach my goals. Honestly, he has made me fall in love with swimming.

Thanya with her parents S.P. Shadakshari and N. Shwetha, residents of J.P. Nagar, Mysuru.

Thanya with her coach Gagan Ullalmath.

SOM: You've participated in several State and National-level competitions. How do you think Karnataka supports sportspersons compared to other States?

Thanya: Now that I travel for National Championships and interact with athletes from other parts of the country, we often talk about this. They tell me how their States reward them with cash prizes for winning medals at nationals, regardless of the medal. In Karnataka, although they recently announced cash prizes for National Games medallists, overall, I don't think there's enough support. Compared to other States, Karnataka still has a long way to go in encouraging sports.

SOM: What is your ultimate goal?

Thanya: I've already achieved many of my long-term goals. Currently, my next major target is to secure a spot in the Asian Games next year in Japan. I've also set achievable short-term goals. The immediate one is to perform well at the upcoming Junior Nationals in August. If everything goes well — no injuries or setbacks — I truly hope to represent India at the Olympics one day.

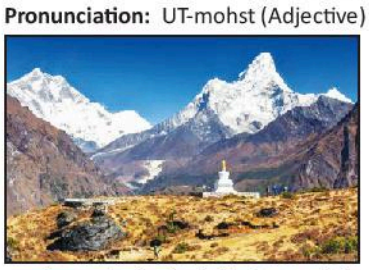
SOM: Thank you so much, and all the very best!

Thanya: *Thank you !*

WORD OF THE DAY

Utmost

Pronunciation: UT-mohst (Adjective)



Meaning: Utmost describes something that is the greatest or highest in degree, number or amount.

Origin: Utmost, which typically communicates that something is of the greatest or highest in degree, number, or amount, is commonly found modifying words like importance, concern and respect. But utmost can also indicate that something is, literally or figuratively, farthest or most distant — that it is outmost, as in "the utmost point." Utmost in fact traces back to the Old English word ūtmest, a superlative adjective formed from the adverb ūt, meaning "out." Utmost can also function as a noun referring to the highest attainable point or degree, as in "the inn provides the utmost in comfort and luxury." The noun also often occurs in phrases such as "we did our utmost to help" where it means "the highest, greatest, or best of one's abilities, powers and resources."

Example: "Only about 2,000 of the hybrid tea rose bushes, dubbed Barbra's Baby, are available so far. ... Streisand politely declined to comment for this story, but Dan Bifano, a master rosarian and longtime gardener to Streisand, Oprah and other famous folk, believes a rose's name 'is always of utmost importance; it makes the rose salable or unsalable, and anytime a rose is connected to a celebrity, it's going to pick up the sales.'" —Jeanette Marantos, The Los Angeles Times, 25 Mar. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Pot-valiant

Bold or courageous under the influence of alcoholic drink.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wet Behind the Ears

Meaning: The meaning of the phrase "Wet Behind the Ears" is someone who is very young, naive and inexperienced.

Origin: The origin of the phrase "Wet behind the ears" is debatable. Some say it comes from newborn babies who enter the world surrounded by amniotic fluid. Others say the phrase may have originated from newborn farm animals, where the mother has to lick the newborn dry, and one of the last places she dries is the area behind the ears. However the difference between the two, is the fact that when human babies are born, they are helpless, vulnerable and premature, relative to other species.

Example: "I can't believe they decided to promote Kelly. If you ask me, I think she's still wet behind the ears."

QUOTE BOX

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.—**Confucius**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: High Jinx.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Love, to Livy
5 "Went" anagram for a little creature
9 Wily and cunning
12 Memory alone
13 "Rode" around the German river?
14 Alcoholic Anonymous Association, should we say?
15 Word with "visiting" or "post"
16 Dame Fortune? (4,4)
18 Hollywood star Jason ___
20 Moral offence
21 Scots "own"
22 Sculpted figure
25 Catches breath, strains for air
28 Natl. Acad. of Sciences
29 Superlative suffix
30 Dull pain
31 Use to the limit
32 Worry
33 Genetic stuff
34 Gear tooth
35 Untidy or dirty
36 Uproar and confusion
38 Enjoyment
39 Lever for rowing
40 Soldier in British history
44 Our capital (3,5)
47 Welsh boy's name
48 Anger
49 Cattle
50 Hawaiian goose
51 Cushion
52 Edict, an absolute order
53 Mastery, superiority - "Gere" anagram?

DOWN

1 Curved lines
2 Protective ditch
3 Other abroad
4 Excessive bureaucracy (3,4)
5 Oppenheimer director Christopher ___
6 Dutch cheese
7 Marry
8 Clandestine meetings
9 Rambles
10 Resinous deposit
11 Himalayan ox
17 "Ali" turning into a girl?
19 ____ Highness : title for king?
22 A woodwind instrument in short
23 Employs
24 English painter
25 Apparel
26 Teen-age affliction?
27 Very closely followed
28 An old horse
31 Male cat
32 Swordsmanship
34 C/o. in the address line? (4,2)
35 Wet soft earth
37 Youth
38 Mock attack
40 South America's "ostrich"
41 Six deliveries
42 Top-notch (1-3)
43 Tall plant
44 Pinch; bite
45 Age or eon
46 61 in Roman numerals

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

J	U	G		S	E	C			E	L	F	
A	P	O		A	T	O	N		G	L	I	B
R	I	C	O	C	H	E	T		O	M	A	N
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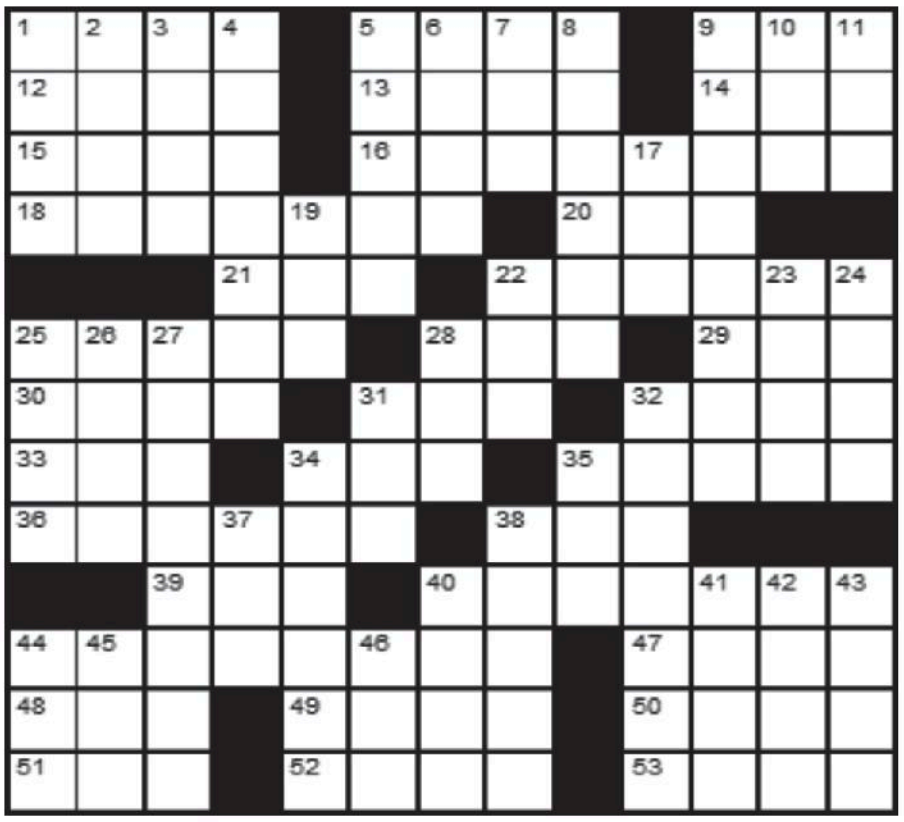

SUDOKU

9				8				3
	1	5					9	
				4	9		7	
		6	8		1			
2		7				1		5
			2		4	3		
	2		7	1				
	6					4	3	
7				3				8

Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	1	6	8	7	3	5	2
6	8	3	5	4	2	1	7	9
5	2	7	9	1	3	8	6	4
3	5	6	4	9	1	7	2	8
2	1	8	7	3	5	4	9	6
4	7	9	8	2	6	5	1	3
1	9	5	3	6	8	2	4	7
7	3	4	2	5	9	6	8	1
8	6	2	1	7	4	9	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WZ NGRP IZH BZSP IJWJHP AZKN GB BMKNNZC.

GW'B WMP BGUPB ZI WMP SZJEWKGE WMKW

BJBWKGE NGIP, EZW WMP WZV.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Immortality lies not in the things you leave behind, but in the people your life has touched.

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  Junior (K) - 4 Shows
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  Ekka (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Ekka (K) - 4 Shows
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  Maargan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Thammudu (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
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  Maalik (H) - 3 Shows

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Saiyaare (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am; (S-3) 12.55 pm, 7.15 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Junior (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.30 pm
Nikita Roy (H)	(S-1)	10.15 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	(S-2)	9.30 am, 5.25 pm
Smurfs (E)	(S-2)	11.20 am, 1.25 pm, 3.25 pm
Junior (Te)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
JSK: Janaki V vs State of Kerala (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
I Know What You Did Last Summer (E)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 10.25 pm
Tanvi: The Great (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Ekka (K)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7.05, 10.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Maadeva (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6.35 pm
Central (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Ekka (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Junior (Te)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Junior (K)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	(S-4)	7 pm, 9.30 pm

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Saiyaara (H)	:	9.30 am, 9.55 am, 12.35 pm 4.20 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
I Know What You Did Last Summer (E)	:	10 am, 5.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Smurfs (E)	:	10 am, 3.20 pm, 8 pm
Ekka (K)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.05 pm 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Junior (K)	:	10.20 am, 11.55 am, 6.20 pm
Junior (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Maalik (H)	:	12.15 pm
Superman (E-3D)	:	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	3.05 pm
Dheeran (Ma)	:	3.45 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	4.10 pm
Tanvi: The Great (H)	:	9.45 pm
Metro... In Dino (H)	:	10.20 pm

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Ekka (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Junior (K)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Junior (Te)	:	7.20 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 7 pm
I Know What You Did Last Summer (E)	:	11 am, 6.05 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	12.55 pm
Smurfs (E)	:	1.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	3.20 pm
Superman (E-3D)	:	4.10 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	8.30 pm
Jurassic World:Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.10 pm

'Ninaada Griha Sangeeta' on July 27

Veerabhadraiah Hiremath

Rajesh Bhagavath

Hemanth Bhagvath

Mysuru, July 21- The 15th concert under 'Ninaada Griha Sangeeta' series, organised in Kergalli, Mysuru, will be held on July 27 at 6 pm. This event, presented by Ranjani Memorial Trust, will feature a Hindustani classical vocal concert by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath, accompanied by Rajesh Bhagavath (tabla) and Hemanth Bhagvath (harmonium) from Mangaluru.

PROFILES

Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath: Born on June 1, 1966, in Yaragalla village of Sindagi taluk, Bijapur district, to parents Shankarayya and Annapoorna, Veerabhadraiah was drawn to music at a young age, inspired by his father's devotional singing in the village temple. Recognising his talent, elders from his village sent him to the Veereshwara Punyashrama in Gadag, where he trained under Pandit Puttaraja Gawai for 10 years. He ranked third in the State in the Vidwat Music Exam and later earned high honours in the prestigious Gandharva Mahavidyalaya's Sangeet Visharad exam.

After a brief teaching stint at the Ashram, he joined Mysuru's Saptaswara Sangeetha School in 1993 as a music teacher. Later, he founded his own institution, Swarasankula Hindustani Sangeetha Shaale, training hundreds of vocalists and instrumentalists. This school was initially supported by Rotary West and Mahajana Institutions, and is now functioning under the auspices of Kemps Centre for Learning.

Even today, he continues to study music under Pandit Indudhar Nirodi, a senior Agra Gharana vocalist. He has also taught music at Suttur Mutt's Gurukula and JSS High School, and served as a music teacher at Mysuru's Kannada-medium Arivu School, known for its value-based modern education.

Rajesh Bhagavath (Tabla): A native of Mangaluru, he trained under Pandit Madhava Acharya and later under the senior Mumbai-based tabla maestro Pandit Omkar Gulwadi. He has accompanied thousands of concerts across genres—classical, bhajans and light music.

Hemanth Bhagvath (Harmonium): He began learning under Shankar Shenoy of Udupi, continued his training with Karnataka's renowned harmonium player Dr. Ravindra Katoti and further refining his skills in vocal nuances under Shrimathi Devi, Mysuru.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 21)

- **Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group:** Dr. Shivarajkumar Hits - Musical Evening by singers Mysore Jayaram, TVS Kumar, Chandrashekar, Ramdas, Anand, Vishwanath, Srinivas, Chandan, Tejaswini and Anitha; Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, senior theatre person Rajashekar Kadamba, senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, art patron Prakashanna and artiste Raghavendra will be lighting the lamp to inaugurate the programme, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Gurudev Datta Sannidhi, Gokulam:** Swami Brahmanandaji delivers discourse in Kannada on 'Nitya Jeevanakke Giteya Sandesha,' Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Noopura Kalavidara Samskrithika Trust and Department of Kannada & Culture:** Ashada Sangeetha-Nritya Sambhrama, Sugama Sangeetha by Savithri Prabhakar, Harsha Prabhakar and B. Umapathy, accompanied by Indushekar on tabla, Raghavendra Prasad on rhythm pad and Sharath on keyboard, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 22)

- **Bhavani Associates:** Seminar on 'Overview of ITR Form Changes (ITR-1 to ITR-4) and Reporting Formats' by CA Sai Rakshith, Partner, Venu & Vinay, Chartered Accountants, Bengaluru, Rotary Children's Library Hall, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department:** Birth anniversary of Hadapada Appanna, a social reformer of the 12th century and a close associate of Basavanna, District Minister and Minister for Social Welfare Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, city writer and lecturer Kiran Sidlehalli delivers a lecture on Hadapada Appanna, MPs Yaduveer Wadiyar and Sunil Bose will be the chief guests, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**
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Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	3.35 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	7.25 pm
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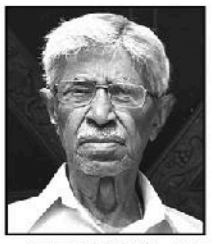

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It's been a year, but not a minute or the day goes by without thinking of you. You are missed more and more each day. A year without you is almost too much to bear.
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From sorrowing family members

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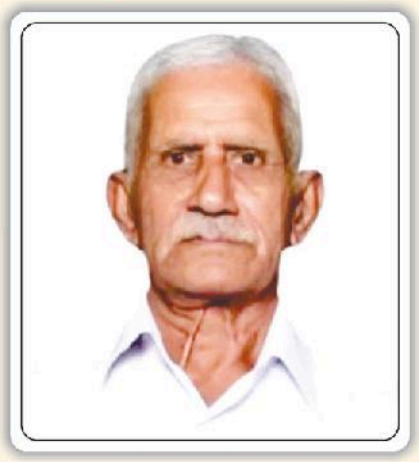

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SHIVAGANARADHANE

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Smt. S. DAKSHAYANAMMA, (Age 106 years)
Sri Nandikeshwara Mutt

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is arranged on 22.07.2025 Tuesday at 12 Noon.
by divine presence and blessings of
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NUDI NAMANA by Dr. **VIJAYALAKSHMI BALEKUNDRI,**
Senior Paediatric Cardialogist & Sahithi, Bangalore
Subject : **MARANAVE MAHA NAVAMI**

Relatives & Friends those who have not received the invitation may please treat this as a personal invitation & attend the ceremony and pray for the Shivaikya Soul.

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